

# The Glades And Its Affairs

By Howard Sharp.  
I made a trip clear around Lake Okeechobee Saturday, August 16—this annual circumnavigation and inspection being a quaint old Everglades custom of mine—and I return to my office to study the notes I made on the trip and refresh my memory of the observations made and winnow the chaff and from a kernel of truth get the germ of a sound conclusion. It is not enough to see, nor to observe, nor to catch a fleeting fact and record it; if one is to discharge creditably the obligation that conscience imposes I must compare the items of his observations and meditate upon them and give that sound conclusion which will follow from accurate observation.

Turning south at Childs station on state road No. 8, and entering upon road No. 20, that leads to Palmdale we came upon the development of a "gentleman's estate" enclosed by a high and tight fence in which miles of canal private roads have been made and where a large tract cleared for the erection of a mansion for a New Jersey millionaire.

It was a sight that made me make a note with pleasure, but which I did not wish in my mind more than anything else was a sign on a gate that said "No Help Wanted."

Not many generations ago the system of serfdom existed in the European countries from which came my forebears and the descendants of all of the people in this newspaper; many white American citizens had ancestors whose condition was that of African slaves before the civil war. Inevitably though unbroken out of all the descendants of the serfs. It is not surprising, then, that even in this age and in this region there are found people who think it a fine thing if a modern lord of the manor could lead into our country the most interesting thing I saw on the trip was a sign that impressed me more than anything else was a shack made of green lumber and with a sign that said "No Help Wanted."

As the "gentleman's estate" in the "glades" country is typically American, the shack in the "glades" is typically American. For the best there is in American civilization is its foundation in the settler's cabin in the woods and the homestead's nod house on the prairie. If that settler is the descendant of a serf, there is in him the blood of an ancestor whose manhood had revolted and whose sons were stirred by the desire to determine to achieve his freedom and be his own independent.

The path of human progress is a spiral. He is wrong who says this is the end of the world.

"A race that binds its body in chains and calls them Liberty, And its chain fresh link Progress."

Progress is not made up of links. It is not a chain; it is a continuous line that never waves, never breaks, always curving, and the curve is the line of beauty. This is the reason history repeats itself; the path of human progress curves in an ever-widening circle. It goes backward at regular intervals but only to sweep farther up and forward and onward, to lead mankind into new fields, into new difficulties to test and develop his strength but into new pleasures and fresh happiness.

The Lake Okeechobee region is making progress. I conclude from that trip made Saturday, and it is my opinion that the progress is backward it is only that in its spiral progress it is to avoid error and to attain added momentum.

The substantial progress of the Lake Okeechobee region is not marked by the establishment of "gentleman's estates" but by the covenant does not rest there; the evidences of shifting worth are in the humble home of simple people made on plots of ground of no greater area than the acreage of the nobleman. The habitation of feudal days built castles and walled them in, but time has shown that the nobleman's castles are ruins to the farmer's cabin of which the descendants of the farmer were the first to dwell.

## 2 1/2 Feet Freeboard, Lake to Top of Road

At some points between Canal Point and Okeechobee it appears by a quick view from a fast-moving car that Lake Okeechobee is up almost to the top of the road. The difference between lake level and road grade is more than an average of 2 1/2 feet. This is quite a high water level for the lake. It is a general elevation of 21 feet above sea level; with the lake at elevated level, the water is 2 1/2 feet below the top of the road.

Debris and other watermarks show that water has on occasions broken lake water to the rocky point, however.

**WANTS BANANA SLIPS**  
Charles H. Ruggles, C. E. West, Palm Beach, has written to the banana planters of the West Coast of India, stating that he is interested in the banana business and would like to see the planters. He is interested in the banana business and would like to see the planters. He is interested in the banana business and would like to see the planters.

## Attaches Property of Clewinson Company

LA BELLE, Aug. 20.—Tax Collector James Taylor of Henry county is enforcing the law regarding taxation of personal property. He has just levied on the Clewinson Building Material Company, attaching a truck crusher, friction tractor and set of wood working machinery, Bucyrus three drum hoist, three Radiolas, etc.

## ARMY ENGINEER CHIEF HAS FULL AUTHORITY

Congressman Drape At Fort Myers Says Procedure Is Arranged

PORT MYERS, August 17.—Construction of canal and levees for a cross-state waterway and control of Lake Okeechobee for the protection of Florida lands threatened by the rivers and harbors will not await an appropriation of money, Congressman H. J. Drape told the Fort Myers Tropics last night.

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"As soon as practicable after their appointment the Board shall cause an audit of the books, records and accounts of the district to be made by a disinterested certified public accountant. When completed the report of said audit shall be filed with the governor, and a copy of the same shall be sent to the comptroller of the state at the expense of the district, for distribution to persons interested."

## CONFUSION AS TO GOVERNMENT LOAN

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## STATE FAILS CROP PRODUCTION

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In 1918 New York city unloaded 3,229 cars of tomatoes, of which 26 per cent came from Florida, but in 1929 when that city took 7,703 cars of American tomatoes only 26 per cent of the cars were from Florida.

Reduction in Florida's position as a tomato state has been due to foreign competition, for in 1918 when Florida sent 2,476 cars to the nine principal markets in the United States, Texas and Mississippi sent only 1,630 cars to those markets.

Probably the tomato tariff will not be changed within two years, if at all. Besides this, Messrs. Chandler and Fletcher interviewed the senator and representative in congress to get all of the influence that they may have in the drive to get against any meddling with the tomato tariff as it now exists.

## Wages Paid On Two Within 'Two Tickets'

Receivers of the Southern Sugar Company made an offer of \$200,000 to employ in both the Mowbray and Canal Point divisions, and the amount paid was stated as being between \$40,000 and \$50,000, cleanup most of the pay roll within "two tickets" of the receivers.

## RETURN CONVICTS TO WORK ON STATE ROAD

When the state highway department was organized last month by high water, convict labor was returned this week to work on the Palm Beach-Punta Maitia highway between the Lee county line and LaBelle.

## Dr. T. E. Will Calls Meeting For Aug. At 25 Belle Glade

BELLE GLADE, Aug. 21.—Dr. Thos. E. Will today called a meeting to be held here Monday, August 25, to consider the action taken August 14 at Fort Lauderdale on the demand that a dam in North New River canal be removed.

## Andrae Continues Objection To Dam

539 N.W. 50th St., Miami, August 18, 1930. Editor, The Everglades News: That was a wrong act to put a dam across the North New River canal and now to make it permanent. Now there is a first-class lock and dam several miles west of Fort Lauderdale and another first-class lock and dam at South Bay, both with paid lockkeepers. There is absolutely no necessity for a third one, to benefit the land west of Fort Lauderdale as stated by Marcus Milan.

Backing up the water just south of the lake is far-reaching both for preventing a full crop and raising acreage. It is my intention to appeal to you to bring about a better understanding on the part of the people of the upper and lower Everglades as to the needs of each, for in light of news recently published in the paper, I am sure that a good understanding does not now exist.

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## SCHOOL BUS R.C.D.

Among the nine contracts awarded by the county school board Wednesday for transporting pupils were two for the Everglades section:

## NO HARM DONE BY OPENING SPILLWAY

Lake water has been discharged into West Palm Beach canal through the spillway at Canal Point, steadily since the first of August, under instructions of Lockmaster E. W. Simmons to hold the canal elevation at from 16 to 17 feet, and has brought relief from farmers on land near the outlet end of the canal, because of 16-foot elevation at Canal Point does not hurt them.

On the first of August this year the canal was at elevation 14.4 feet, raising the canal to 16 feet and one-half feet at the elevation allows disposal of water from the high lake at the rate of 500 cubic feet per second, aiding St. Lucie canal to keep the lake from overflowing.

Heretofore the demands for use of West Palm Beach canal as a means of keeping the lake from overflowing have been denied on the ground that to let water out at Canal Point would flood out at 30 miles away. Use of the canal for disposal of lake water shows that the old canal is not a threat across the Tamiami Trail were provided. In any event it could be used to keep the lake from overflowing.

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## DREDGE TO BE HELD FOR LAKE TWO WEEKS NEAR STORM TIME

Continued on Lake Shore Levee Between Belle Glade-South Bay

## 'FLORIDA' DONE WITH BACON POINT PATCHING

Levee on Shores of Lake Stronger Now Than At Any Other Time

The big dipper dredge Caloon-hatch will continue at work on the south shore lake levee until the first week of September. Secretary A. W. Wain of the flood control board and Engineer Glen C. Scott said Tuesday after a visit to the dredge, which is between Belle Glade and South Bay and working west.

Secretary Young said that although the lake shore levees were not expected to hold against a hurricane, he hoped and believed they would stand the force of ordinary winds.

The manner in which the statement was made was that it would take 16 to 18 days (from last Friday) for the dredge to complete the patching which it is engaged. Cost of the entire job of levee repair will exceed by about \$100,000 that was allotted by the flood control board.

Forty thousand dollars was set aside for the work, but the cost of the work of similar nature done after the storm would be expended because the levee at several places.

The dredge Florida, which was finished at Pelican Point section of lake shore levee, finished its allotment Monday and was put to work Tuesday.

Lake Okeechobee levees are in better condition than ever before, Engineer Scott said. "There were times when the levee at Pelican Point was in such a bad condition that it was necessary to build a new one."

## BUSINESS BUILDERS MEET PAHOKEE

Fifty persons came to Pahokee Wednesday evening from West Palm Beach to take part in the program presented by the Allied Business Builders of Palm Beach county and to attend the meeting.

Herbert D. Reub, republican, nominates for the legislature, discussion of the canal and the levee, and the meeting of the association spoke on the same lines.

## DISTON LAND OWNERS MEET SEPTEMBER 5

The next meeting of owners of land in Diston Island drainage district is set for September 5, to be held at the court house in St. Augustine. The district embraces some land in Hendry county but most of it is in Glades.

## Further Pleas In Supervisors' Case

Effort failed to have the Douglas Graham suit against the supervisors of the Pahokee drainage district thrown out of court. Judge C. R. Chillingworth of circuit court in St. Augustine, who presided and gave the board until September 15 to plead further.

## GLADES WEATHER

Canal Point, Fla., Temperature and rainfall at Canal Point, Fla., for week ending August 17.

Date	High	Low	Rain
Aug. 17	92	76	0.00
Aug. 18	95	73	0.00
Aug. 19	95	70	0.00
Aug. 20	95	70	0.00
Aug. 21	96	73	0.00
Aug. 22	96	71	0.48

Average '94 72 Total 69.0  
Total rainfall since January 1, 1930, 47.26 inches.







